

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for grant funds using funds provided by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 to deliver a Produce Prescription (Produce Rx) program in the District of Columbia. The Director of DHCF has authority to issue grants under Section 6(4) of the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code 7-771.05(4) (2012 Repl.).

A Request for Application (RFA) for this opportunity will be released under a separate announcement with guidelines for submitting the application, review criteria, and DHCF terms and conditions for applying for and receiving funding. The anticipated performance period for this grant is award date to September 30, 2022, with one option year to 2023.

***Description of Opportunities:***

Produce Rx Program: One (1) grant of up to \$500,000 with the opportunity to pursue one (1) option year of up to \$500,000 in FY23. This grant will enhance and expand Produce Rx interventions for Medicaid and other public insurance program beneficiaries in the District. Produce Rx interventions will give health care providers nutritional tools to better manage and coordinate care for Medicaid patients diagnosed with a diet-related chronic illness such as diabetes, stroke, heart disease, certain cancers, and HIV. Building on the Food as Medicine (FAM) paradigm, the grant will use digital health resources such as the DC Health Information Exchange (DC HIE) to coordinate services across health care providers, community organizations and government agencies. Overall the program will support clinical-community linkages by delivering a systemwide person-centered Produce Rx intervention for Medicaid and other public insurance program beneficiaries.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

Applicants must have a demonstrated record of:

1. Providing FAM programs to Medicaid beneficiaries;
2. Integrating Produce Rx programs with food retailers to facilitate the use of FAM programs by Medicaid beneficiaries;
3. Using technology within clinical workflows to deliver FAM interventions; and
4. Engaging with the DC HIE's Community Resource Information and Exchange (CoRIE) initiative and/or DC Positive Accountable Community Transformation (PACT) to design system level approaches to connect beneficiaries with FAM programs.

All applicants must also be registered organization in good standing with the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Corporation Division, the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), the Department of Employment Services (DOES), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and demonstrate Clean Hands certification at the time of application.

**A RFA will be released on or around November 5, 2021. The application package will be available online at <https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/content/community-grant-program> and the DHCF website (<https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/dhcf-grant-opportunities>).**

DHCF will hold a pre-proposal conference on November 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM via Microsoft Teams. Prospective applicants must provide an email address to DHCF to receive notification of amendments or clarifications to the RFA.

**Completed applications must be received on or before 4:00 pm on December 6, 2021 by DHCF c/o [brion.elliott@dc.gov](mailto:brion.elliott@dc.gov). Applicants will receive an email receipt notification to verify that their application has been received. No applications will be accepted after the submission deadline. All eligible applications will be reviewed through a competitive process.**

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